Burleigh County Senior Adults Program



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# Lifelong Learning / Special Events

#### **NOURISH: FOOD SAFETY**

Safe food handling is as important at home as it is in the community and a business. Learn how to guard against allergen exposures and handle food safely to prevent food-borne illnesses. Join Shelly Kuntz from NDSU Extension on Wednesday, April 30 at 10:00 am as she discusses this very important health topic.

#### LIVING LONGER AND LIVING BETTER

According to United Nations estimates, approximately 722,000 people worldwide are 100 years old or older (also known as centenarians). In many parts of the world, it is common for people to live, very healthily, to 100 and beyond without modern medicines. Join Paul Schneider on April 15 at 10:00 am for an interactive discussion on living longer and better.

#### **DEMENTIA CONVERSATIONS**

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This session will provide tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. Join Joan Danks from the MN-ND Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association on Tuesday, April 1 at 10:00 am to learn more.

#### **GET-TO-KNOW-THE-HARP**

The **harp** is a stringed musical instrument that has individual strings running at an angle to its soundboard; the strings are plucked with the fingers. Harps can be made and played in various ways, standing or sitting, and in orchestras or concerts. Its most common form is triangular in shape and made of wood. Some have multiple rows of strings and pedal attachments.

Join Amariah Pearlstein on Tuesday, April 22 at 10:00 am and Get-To-Know-the-Harp! She will provide more information and demonstrate how to play the harp.

#### MUSIC AND CASH-WA FOOD SHOW

Join us on Wednesday, April 16 for special activities!

First, Vic Schwan will provide musical entertainment from 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

Then from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, representatives from Cash-Wa Distributing will provide us with samplings of new food products which could potentially be used for our Senior Center menus! YUM!

#### **MUSIC**

On Thursday, April 3, at 12:30 pm, musical entertainment will be provided by Milt Bradford. Hay Creek Lodge will also be here serving punch from 11:30 am until gone!



EASTER CELEBRATION THURSDAY, APRIL 10 10:00 am — 1:30 pm

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

10:00 am Punch and Socializing

12:00 pm Lunch is Served
Glazed Ham, Hashbrown Casserole,
Peas & Carrots, WG Dinner Roll and
Blueberry Cheesecake Parfait

12:30 pm Special Music by Duane Kurle

The meal will be served beginning at 12:00 noon. The number of meals is limited and tickets are required for both congregate meals and drive-thru meals. Please see page 18 for information on the **NEW SPECIAL/HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN UP POLICY**.

You DO NOT need a meal ticket to join us for the music. All other afternoon activities will be cancelled for this special event.

# BCSAP Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

# Annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Thursday, April 24, 5:00 pm

#### Volunteers:

Please mark your calendar and watch your mailbox for your exclusive invitation for you and a guest to attend.

Note: The Senior Center will close at 1:00 pm to prepare for this celebration.

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# Lifelong Learning



#### **CURIOSITY STREAM**

Join us for these programs on Thursdays at 9:30 am.

#### **April 3: Whale Wisdom**

Whales have long been a profound mystery to us. They live in a world so removed from our own that we can barely imagine their lives. Their environment is different, their senses are different, their relationships are different. How might such almost alien creatures see the world?

#### **April 10: No Curiosity Stream**

#### **April 17: Lions: Africa's Super Power**

The endless plains of East Africa is a paradise for lions. The most social of all cats, lions form prides that are unlike any other animals. Together, they'll hunt, raise their young and defend their territory. The pride welcomes new babies every year, but new children bring new dangers.

#### **April 24: The Enchanted Forest**

There are few places on the planet that are more magical than the forest. To spend a day there is nature's way of offering a spa, a bath in nature. There is enchantment at every turn.

# CLUB BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB B

The Book Club meeting will be held on Monday, April 28 at 1:00 pm in the Library, with Arlene Havig leading the discussion. The book for discussion will be announced and available for pick up at the March meeting.



#### **GIFTS & TIPPING**

Many participants like to give gifts to staff. Treats will be graciously accepted if they can be shared with <u>ALL</u> staff members. However, BCSAP prohibits staff from receiving personal gifts or tips of any kind. If you would like to 'tip' a staff member, they must refuse to accept it and will suggest that this amount be placed in the donation box instead. Thank you!

#### **NUTRITION FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

ND Health & Human Services-Adult & Aging Services is offering a webinar designed specifically for nutrition program participants. Learn from Lisa Bixby, a dietitian, about the importance of nutrition, key nutrients for older adults, and tips for making healthy food choices. Get your questions answered and take steps towards a healthier lifestyle. Don't miss this information and empowering session on Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 am.



#### **AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will provide free tax preparation assistance through April 11.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 701-354-5273. Please note that this is a new phone number from past years.

Appointments can also be made online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide . Pre-appointment packets should be completed prior to your appointment and can be picked up at the Senior Center Client Services Desk, Bismarck Veterans Library, Morton-Mandan Library and Dream Center.

# Lifelong Learning



#### COMPUTER/TECH SUPPORT

Digital technology, including the Internet, computers, smart phones and social media, is an important component of modern life. Nowadays, almost all services require the use of technology to access them. But what

if you don't know how to do this? Now, we can help!

On Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 pm, Mike and Dean will be on hand to help you. Whether you need some assistance on how to use that new smart phone, or need help with accessing a service online, they will assist you.

This service is available by appointment only. Please call 701-255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to schedule your half-hour appointment. Please let us know what kind of assistance you need and bring your device, paperwork, or anything necessary for them to assist you.

#### SENIOR CENTER TOUR

Ever wonder what goes on at the Senior Center? Now is your opportunity to find out! If it is your first time or you have been attending for a while, you will discover something new about our facility and programs. Join our tour guides, Nanc and Norma on Monday, April 21 at 1:00 pm in the Dining Room. The session will include:

- Orientation
- Tour
- Q&A Session
- Coffee and a Treat



Please call 255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to sign up for this session.

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# Nutrition Program

#### **BCSAP NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The BCSAP Nutrition Program offers a variety of meal options for older adults. Congregate meals, drive-thru/take out meals, home-delivered meals and frozen meals are options for you to choose from.

Congregate Meals are provided in a group setting with an opportunity for socializing with others. Congregate meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burleigh County Senior Center and Crescent Manor in Bismarck.

**Drive Thru/Take Out Meals** are available to those who choose to not participate in a congregate setting. These meals may be picked up by the client, or a family member, friend, case manager, etc. Drive Thru/Take Out meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burleigh County Senior Center and Crescent Manor in Bismarck.

Home-delivered Meals (hot or frozen) are provided to clients within Burleigh County. Within Bismarck city limits, meals are delivered Monday through Friday. Outside of city limits, meals are delivered weekly.

Frozen Meals are available for weekends and evenings. These meals are flash frozen at the Burleigh County Senior Center and are a great alternative to those found in the grocery store.



Mom's Meals are available to clients in need of a medically-tailored meal or MEALS to those living in the rural areas of Burleigh County.

Meals are made fresh and shipped directly to your home. Meals will stay fresh in the fridge for up to 14 days. You may also place in the freezer for up to three months. After your initial shipment of meals, you are able to choose the meals you receive.

Medically-tailored meals include: lower sodium, vegetarian, pureed, renal-friendly, protein plus, heart-friendly, diabetes-friendly or gluten-free. A letter from your doctor is required to receive these meals. Rural residents will receive general wellness meals, unless they have need of a medically tailored meal.

For information on receiving Mom's Meals, please call 255-4648, Option 4.

#### **OAA REQUIREMENTS**

Under the Older Americans Act, each meal served must provide at least one third of the daily nutrition needs for older adults. It must also include a food item from every food group. Each meal includes:

Protein – minimum of 3 ounces Vegetables – 2 servings Fruit – 1 serving Whole Grains – 2 servings Dairy – 1 serving

Suggested donation is \$5.50/meal. The meal price for those under 60 is \$12.00. SNAP/EBT and credit/debit cards are accepted. No one 60 or older is denied meals due to their inability or unwillingness to make a donation.

OAA federal regulations require individuals age 60 and older to complete a meal assessment to participate in the Nutrition Program. Meal Clients are required to update their assessment annually. Individuals are notified when their assessment is due for updating.

#### **MEAL RESERVATIONS: PLEASE CALL AT** LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE TO MAKE A **RESERVATION OR CANCEL YOUR MEAL!**

- —For Congregate, Drive Thru or Frozen meals at the Burleigh County Senior Center, call 255-4648, Option 1 or stop by the Client Services Desk (from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm)
- —For Home-delivered meals, including meals for rural Burleigh County residents, call 255-4648, Option 2
- —For Congregate or Take Out meals at Crescent Manor, call 258-6646 (from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm)

#### **MEAL SCHEDULE**

**Burleigh County Senior Center:** 

- —Drive-Thru Meal Service: 11:15 am 11:45 am
- —Congregate Meal Service: 12:00 pm 12:30 pm

#### **Crescent Manor:**

- —Congregate Meal Service at 11:45 am
- —Take Out Meal Service at 12:15 pm

# April Dining Calendar

# What's on the menu?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Baked Chicken Breast Glazed Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Green Peas Fresh Cantaloupe	2 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Herbed Green Beans Chilled Tropical Fruit WG Dinner Roll	3 Stuffing Topped Pork Chop Buttered Red Potatoes Country Trio Vegetable Blend Fresh Apple	4 Beer Battered Shrimp Seasoned Potato Wedges Steamed Broccoli Fruited Gelatin
7 Swiss Steak Baked Potato with Sour Cream Scandinavian Blend Pears and Pineapple	8 Beef Stroganoff over Mashed Potatoes Steamed Asparagus Watermelon	9 Oven Fried Chicken Chive Mashed Potatoes Creamy Coleslaw Fresh Banana Fresh Biscuit	10** Glazed Ham Hashbrown Casserole Peas & Carrots Blueberry Cheesecake Parfait WG Dinner Roll	11 Baked Cod with Garlic Butter Wild Brown Rice Pilaf Steamed Garden Vegetable Blend Apple Crumble
14 Cabbage Rolls Garlic Mashed Potatoes Steamed Vegetable Medley Asst. Applesauce Cup	15 BBQ Ribs Bacon Green Beans Potato Salad Corn Bread Cinnamon Apples	16 Berry Burst Chicken Salad Fresh Orange WG Blueberry Muffin	17 BBQ Beef Sandwich on WG Bun Seasoned Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Peaches	18 GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED
21 Chicken Kiev Seasoned Tri-colored Potatoes Monterey Vegetable Blend Asst. Fruit Cup	22 Sweet & Sour Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Vegetable Egg Roll Mandarin Orange Fortune Cookie	23 Italian Pasta Bake Marinated Vegetable Salad Seasoned Zucchini Peaches & Blueberries	24 Chicken Cordon Bleu Roasted Sweet Potatoes Capri Vegetable Blend Fruit Cocktail	25 Open Face Hot Hamburger Garlic Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables
28 Bolognese Lasagna Roll-Up (red beef sauce) Steamed Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower Chunky Fruit Garlic Breadstick	29 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Candy Corn Vegetable Medley Creamy Fruit Salad	30 Rotisserie Baked Chicken Baked Sweet Potato Squash Medley Berries with Whipped Cream		



\*\*Thursday, April 10 is a Special/Holiday Meal.

A ticket for that day's meal is required for both Congregate and Drive-thru dining.
See page 2 and 18 for more information.

Each meal is served with 8 oz. of 1% milk and 2 slices of whole grain bread (unless otherwise indicated).

Coffee and water is served at meal sites.

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE!** 

# April Senior Center Activity Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 9:00 Strength Finders 9:15 Advisory Committee 10:00 Dementia Conversations 12:30 Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 12:30 Comp/Tech Support 12:30 Whist 12:45 Farkel 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Trivia / Bridge 1:00 Line Dancing	2 9:00 Standing Yoga 10:00 Grief Group 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Low Vision Group 10:30 Pool Lessons 10:45 Strength Finders 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle / Bingo 1:30 Caregiver Connections	3 9:00 Strength Finders 9:30 Curiosity Stream 10:00 Strength Finders 12:30 Music by Milt Bradford 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 BUNCO	4 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle
7 9:00 Chair Exercise 9:30 Art from the Heart 10:00 Strength Finders 11:00 "Feel the Drum" 12:45 5 Crowns 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle	8 9:00 Strength Finders 9:00 Easter Bunny w/Alice 12:30 Comp/Tech Support 12:30 Whist 12:45 Farkel 1:00 Quilting Group 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Variety of Games 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot	9 9:00 Standing Yoga 10:00 Grief Group 10:00 Cribbage 10:30 Pool Lessons 10:45 Strength Finders 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle / Bingo 1:30 Caregiver Connections 1:30 Legal Services	9:00 Strength Finders 9:30 Yoga Talk 10:00 Easter Celebration (see page 2) 10:00 Strength Finders 11:00 Walk This Way 11:00 Alliance for Hearing  BOOKMOBILE No Afternoon Activities	11 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle
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#### Celebrate Your Inner Artist!

#### ART FROM THE HEART

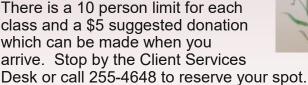
Join Nina in the Craft Room on Monday, April 7 at 9:30 am as she leads a class in creating an acrylic painting of an Umbrella with Flowers and on Monday, April 14 at 9:30 am as she leads a class in creating a watercolor floral painting.



There is a 10 person limit for each class and a \$5 suggested donation which can be made when you arrive. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to reserve your spot.

#### WATERCOLOR WITH PAULINE

Join Pauline in the Craft Room on Tuesday, April 29 at 9:00 am as she leads a class in creating a watercolor painting of carnations.







#### **EASTER BUNNY CLASS WITH ALICE**

Join Alice on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 am to create this fun Easter Bunny! There is an 8 person limit for each class and a \$5 suggested donation which can be made when you arrive. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to reserve your spot.

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#### Health & Wellness

#### FITNESS CLASSES

Registration for the 8 week session for April 20 through June 21 is closed.

Registration for the next 8-week session (June 22—August 23) will begin on **June 2 at 9:00 am**.

#### Standing Yoga (Session Fee \$20.00)

Wednesdays, 9:00 am

This class is designed with the mature body in mind. Jessica will lead you through a carefully crafted set of poses, using chairs and props to create a space where you will feel safe. Overtime you will gain strength, flexibility and balance while incorporating breathing techniques to help relieve tension, anxiety and gain mental clarity. (Limited to 10/class.)

#### Chair Yoga (Session Fee \$20.00)

Fridays, 9:30 am

Chair Yoga will help you increase your strength, flexibility and balance while relieving stress and tension, all while using a chair for balance. (Limited to 15/class.)

#### **Line Dancing**

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm

In this class, you will learn a variety of line dances and western struts. It is a fun and social way to exercise. No partner needed! (Limited to 10/class.)

#### **Strength Finders**

Group 1—Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00 am

Group 2—Mondays/Wednesdays, 12:45 pm

Group 3—Wednesdays/Fridays, 10:45 am

Group 4—Mondays/Thursdays, 10:00 am
Strength Finders is a specific, strength-training program designed to address osteoporosis risks that so often lead to the loss of independent living. The program focuses on controlled movements to improve balance and weight, which are critical factors in reducing the risk for osteoporosis fractures. (Limited to 12/class.)

#### "Feel the Drum"

Mondays, 11:00 am

Instructed by Maxine Doll and Debbi Hegney, this class uses movement through drumming to benefit both the mind and body. Build muscle stamina, relieve stress, improve coordination and stimulate brain function. ALL WHILE

HAVING FUN! (Limited to 10/class.)

#### YOGA TALK WITH BONNY & MARLENE

Chair yoga instructors Bonny and Marlene are going "beyond the mat" to help you learn more about yoga! April presentations include:

Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 am

Chakra Journey from the Beginning

Thursday, April 24 at 9:30 am Chakra: Connecting with the Earth

You may attend this class in person in the Library at the Senior Center or join in via Zoom from your home computer. Please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to register.

#### **WALK THIS WAY**



Lace up your tennis shoes and pump up your heart! Join Katie Johnke on Thursday, April 10 at 11:00 am in the South Conference Room. Please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to sign up.

#### **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS**

McKenzie Dockter will lead this class which will help you move your whole body, mostly from the comfort of your chair. Time will be spent testing your balance near your chair as well. The goal is to leave class feeling warm and awake!

This class is offered on Mondays at 9:00 am.
There is a limit of 12 people for this class. Sign up at the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

You can use the Fitness Room on your own?
The Fitness Room is available between classes for individual use. You may use the stationary bicycles, DVDs and weights.

You can use the Fitness Room as a starting point for walking laps?

Twenty laps around the Dining Room equals one mile. What a great way to get your steps in!

Please stop by the Client Services Desk if you need assistance.

# Recipe

#### CREAMY TOMATO SMOKED SAUSAGE AND ASPARAGUS TORTELLINI

Recipe courtesy of the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board Servings: 6

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound smoked turkey sausage, sliced into bite-sized rounds
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 2/3 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 18 ounces cheese tortellini
- 1/2 lb fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into bite-sized pieces



Add sausage and brown on both sides. Add garlic and stir until golden, 20-30 seconds.

Add broth, tomato sauce, cream and tortellini; stir to combine. Bring to light simmer.

Cover and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. Add asparagus during last 5 minutes of cooking until tortellini is tender and sauce has reduced.

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# Join Us for Activities!



#### Join Us for a Movie-Fridays at 1:00 pm

#### April 4: Soda Springs, PG-13

A man goes to jail for a crime he did not commit. When he gets out, he tries to mend his relationships and gain a new name in town.

#### April 11: 23 Blast, PG-13

Based on an incredible true story. When a high school football star is suddenly stricken with irreversible total blindness, he must decide whether to live a safe handicapped life or bravely return to the life he once knew and the sport he still loves.

#### **April 18: Closed for Good Friday**

#### April 25: Me Before You, PG-13

A young woman with a charming personality is hired as a caretaker for an affluent Londoner paralyzed in a tragic accident who is contemplating ending his life.

#### S Word Twist

# Step into Spring

The letters in these words are all twisted up. To play, unscramble the letters to reveal the correct words. Hint: Each puzzle has a common theme:

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htowgr	waekninga	

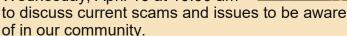
Answers on the bottom of page 13.

The BCSAP Volunteer Advisory Committee is meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 9:15 am in the Library.

#### **COFFEE & CARAMEL ROLLS**

Join us on Wednesdays at 8:30 am for coffee and \$1 caramel rolls!

Officer Caity Horne will join us on Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 am



#### **COMPUTER & PHONE BASICS**

Staff from the ND Center for Independent Living will be in the South Conference Room on Thursday, April 17 at 10:00 am.

Please bring your laptop, tablet or cell phone to receive individual assistance and learn how to get the most out of your technology!

These sessions are limited to **five** people, and pre-registration is required. Please call 255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to sign up for this session.

#### **CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS** & ANNIVERSARIES

Join us on Tuesday, April 1 for our monthly Birthday and Anniversary Celebration! Ice cream will be served at 12:30 pm, following the noon meal.



#### "JUST GET IT DONE SOMEDAY" QUILTING GROUP

The "Just Get It Done Someday" Quilting Group will meet in the South Conference Room on Tuesday, April 8 from 1:00—4:00 pm and on Tuesday, April 22 from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. This group welcomes new members! If you are interested, please call Lori at 255-4648.

#### TIME TO SOCIALIZE!



The Coffee Bar is open each day from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Come in for coffee and fellowship.

#### Join us for Caramel Roll Wednesday!

Caramel rolls (\$1 each) are served on Wednesdays from 8:30 am until sold out. Sorry, no take-outs are allowed.

#### Game Time!

# Fun & Games

#### **CARDS**

Pinochle: 1:00 pm,

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday

Bridge: 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday Hand & Foot: 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday

Whist: 12:30 pm, Tuesday 5 Crowns: 12:45 pm, Monday

Pinochle, Bridge and Hand & Foot are played in the Rec Room. Whist and 5 Crowns are played in the Craft Room.

#### CORNHOLE



Cornhole is played every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Fitness Room. Sign up weekly for cornhole at the Client Services Desk or call 258-4648. This game has a limit of 8 people/session.

#### **BINGO**

Join us for **BINGO** on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Bingo cards are \$1 each, and you may buy as many cards as you like.

Purchased card(s) will be used for ALL games played. All sessions have 100% payout...

#### POOL LESSONS



Are you interested in learning to play pool? Or maybe you just need a refresher course to get going again.

Bill Beaman will be providing lessons for people who want to

learn more about playing pool. These sessions will be held in the Rec Room on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

Please sign up at the Client Services Desk or call 701-255-4648. There is a maximum of two (2) people per session. Must sign up monthly.

#### **VARIETY OF GAMES**



A variety of games are played on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Dining Room. This month's dates are April 8 and 22 at 1:00 pm.

#### **TRIVIA**

Trivia is played the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of each month in the South
Conference Room. This month,
Trivia will be held on April 1 and 15
at 1:00 pm. Trivia is a great way to
trick your brain into learning and increasing your
capacity to recall!

#### **BUNCO**



Bunco is played every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the South Conference Room.

#### **CRIBBAGE**

Cribbage is played every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Dining Room.



#### **FARKEL**

Farkel is played every Tuesday at 12:45 pm in the Dining Room.



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Pool Tables are open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. \$1.00 / day suggested donation.

# Support Groups & Free Services

#### **HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

The Hearing Loss Support Group will not meet in April. The group will meet in May 2025.

#### ALLIANCE CENTER FOR HEARING

Representatives from Alliance Center for Hearing will be at the Senior Center on Thursday, April 10 at 11:00 am to provide hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings. No appointment necessary!

#### LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP



Betsy Hermanson, Vision Specialist from ND Vocational Rehabilitation will lead the Low Vision Support Group in the Library on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 am. This group is limited to 8 people.

Pre-registration is required. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to register.

#### **DEMENTIA CARE CONSULTANTS**

Free individualized assistance, problem solving and identification of resources are available to individuals with memory loss and care partners through care consultation provided by the Alzheimer's Association. Call 701-258-4933 to schedule an appointment. If you need immediate assistance, please call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

#### LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of North Dakota will be at the Burleigh County Senior Center on Wednesday, April 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm to meet with individuals by appointment only. Call 701-222-2110, ext. 303 to schedule your appointment.





#### GRIEF/LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

We all experience loss, whether it's through the death of a loved one, loss of mobility, health concerns, or the passing of a pet.

Having a safe place to talk about grief and learning ways to cope will help you on a long-term basis. Being with others who are having the same thoughts, feelings, and experiences is helpful to know that you are not alone.

Kathleen Meckler facilitates this group each Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Newcomers are encouraged to join, however, we request that you contact Renee at 255-4648 prior to attending your first session.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

#### CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS

Build a support system with people who understand. This group is a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources

Kathleen Meckler, an Alzheimer's Association trained facilitator, encourages you to join her every Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Please contact Renee at 255-4648 before vour first session.

# Drive-Thru Meals & Parking

The Senior Center parking lot is a **one-way!** Please follow the map and instructions below and use extreme caution while in the parking lot. The speed limit is 5mph. GO SLOW AND WATCH FOR **PEDESTRIANS!** Safety is our #1 priority!

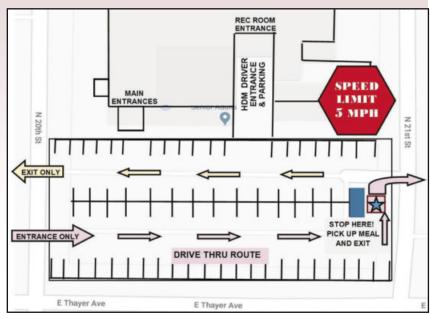
Clients may choose between a Congregate meal or a Drive-Thru Meal.

**DRIVE-THRU CLIENTS**: Proceed to the "star" on the map and wait there to pick up your meal. Please do not get in the Drive Thru line until 11:15 am. If you are early, park until 11:15 am. After meal pickup, please exit onto 21st Street (right turn only).

### **CONGREGATE MEAL/OTHER CLIENTS:**

Clients coming to the Senior Center for a meal, activities, or other reason, may park where they choose, following the one-way arrows.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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# Volunteer Opportunities!

#### JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Currently, volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Home-Delivered Meal Drivers
- Substitute Shuttle Drivers
- Greeter/Kiosk Assistant
- Computer/Cell phone assistance for patrons
- Instructors for additional Line Dancing, Yoga and Drumming Classes
- Tai Chi Instructor
- A variety of jobs requiring a few hours one day per week

Volunteer as little, or as often as you like—we will work with your schedule! If you are interested, or would like more information, please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648.



#### Featured Volunteer



#### TOM FEIST

Tom has been volunteering at the Burleigh County Senior Adults Program for about two years as a home-delivered meal driver.

Tom and his wife would come to the Senior Center to eat lunch

and play cards. When he found out help was needed delivering meals, Tom decided to give it a try! He has been volunteering ever since!

Tom worked for the city for 40 years and retired at the age of 62. He has two sons, one in Minot, and one who recently moved back to Bismarck from South Dakota. He is also the oldest of three siblinas.

When Tom is not driving for the Senior Center, he loves to golf. He also drives elderly people to their doctor's appointments when they are unable to take themselves. He and his wife also try to watch a movie together every night they can.

Tom loves volunteering for his community and helps as much as he can by filling in on open routes. He enjoys seeing new people and making others happy when delivering meals.

Thanks, Tom, for all you do!

# WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the Heart of the Burleigh County Senior Adults Program!

We could not provide the level of service we do without your support! Whether your are delivering meals, helping in the dining room, leading an activity or everything in between, all are a very important part of what we do!

Thank you for the generous donation of your time and talents to our organization.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Thursday, April 24 for our volunteer appreciation celebration. Your exclusive invitation will be in the mail soon. See page 3 for more information.



#### Health Maintenance

#### SUGGESTED **CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### In Office Services

Foot Care: \$25.00 (Full Cost \$89.32)

Blood Pressure: \$3.00

(Full Cost \$12.76)

Fasting Blood Sugar: \$5.00 (Full Cost \$12.76)

Home Visit: \$40.00 (Full Cost \$191.40) (Includes any combination of above services)

Clients may, but are NOT required, to contribute toward the cost of services.

#### Foot Care Services are available by appointment only.

For an appointment at the Burleigh County Senior Center, call 255-4648, Option 3. When you arrive for your appointment at the Senior Center, please check in at the Client Services Desk.



#### **Upcoming Foot Care Clinics:**

April 14: Wilton May 12: Wing May 27: Sterling

An appointment is required for the Wilton, Wing and Sterling Foot Care Clinics. To schedule, please call 255-4648 at least one week in advance. If no appointments are made at least one week in advance, the Foot Care Clinic will be cancelled.

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Corinna Glatt Julie Tanous **Nurse Practitioners** 

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#### **BCSAP** Policies

#### **BURLEIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER** HOURS OF OPERATION/ENTRANCE

The Burleigh County Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Please use the Main Doors located on the southwest corner of the building to enter and exit the building.

These doors are open at 8:00 am. Please do not arrive at the Senior Center prior to 8:00 am.

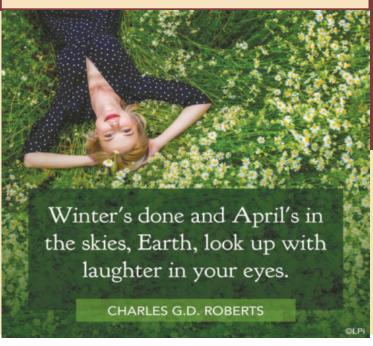
The Rec Room Exterior Door is no longer available as an entrance, and is designated as an "Emergency Exit" only.

The East Door in the HDM Loading Area will be open FOR DRIVER USE ONLY from 9:30 am until the last driver returns from their route.

All activities must conclude no later than 4:00 pm to allow staff time to clean and close up the buildina.

Please be aware of your surroundings prior to leaving the safety of your vehicle when coming here and going other places.

Safety should be everyone's first concern. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Thank you!



# SPECIAL/HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN UP POLICY

\*This policy is in effect anytime a ticket is required for the meal.

Special/Holiday meals will be announced in the official BCSAP newsletter, The Senior Sentinel. Patrons will be able to sign up for the Special/ Holiday meal at Client Services\*. Sign up begins on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day (or following Monday if it falls on a weekend) of the previous month.

Patrons wishing to dine inside, MUST have a congregate meal ticket.

Patrons wishing to use the drive-thru, MUST have a drive thru meal ticket.

BCSAP staff is unable to provide a hot meal to patrons who do NOT have a ticket for the Special/Holiday Meal, however, a frozen meal will be available.

Patrons should also note that a congregate meal ticket cannot be used in the drive-thru and vice versa.

The 'every day' list will NO LONGER be used on a Special/Holiday Meal day. If 'every day' list patrons would like a ticket for the Special/ Holiday meal, they MUST sign up at Client Services.

When Special/Holiday Meal tickets are no longer available, BCSAP Client Services will maintain a 'waiting' list. If a patron with a ticket has to cancel a meal, staff will then call patrons who are next on the waiting list to offer them the tickets.

\*Client Services: Call 255-4648, or stop by their desk located in the main lobby of the Senior Center.

> **Aging Services Aging & Disability** Resource LINK 1-855-462-5465 TTY 711 Website:

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# Understanding the Nutrition Facts Label



The Nutrition Facts label on food can help us make healthy choices. Choosing healthier foods and drinks will help you meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. It can also help lower the risk of health problems like high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

1.) Serving Information

3. Nutrients

**Nutrition Facts** 

Calories

Trans Fat 0g

280

(4.) Quick Guide to percent

Daily Value (%DV) • 5% or less is low

- 20% or more is high

#### Reading the label:

- Serving Size: All nutrient amounts listed on the label are for one serving. Make sure to read the serving size on the package and compare it to how much you eat. For some foods, the amount you eat may be more than one serving
- 2. Calories: The calories are in bold, large print. They tell you how much energy is in one serving of this food.
- 3. Nutrients: You can use the label information to get more of the nutrients you want to increase and less of the nutrients you may want to
  - Limit these Nutrients: Saturated-fat, Sodium, and added Sugars.
  - · Increase these Nutrients: Dietary fiber, Vitamin D, Calcium, Iron and Potassium.
- 4. Percent Daily Value (% DV): Can help you know if a serving of food is high or low in a nutrient
  - 5% DV or less of a nutrient is considered low
  - 20% or more of a nutrient is considered high

Ingredient List: Tells you what the food is made of and if there are any common food allergens in it. Ingredients are listed in order of quantity. The first ingredient is what the product contains the most of. Try to pick foods with ingredients you are familiar with and words that are easy to read.

The nutrition label can be a useful tool for choosing healthy foods. We all have different dietary needs, and food nutrition labels can help us pick foods that support our individual health goals.





# Seasonal Allergies

An itchy nose, watery eyes, painful congestion, and intense sneezing can all be signs you have a seasonal allergy. Depending on what part of the country you reside in, these symptoms might be caused by flowering trees or pollen-filled flowers. Allergies can be uncomfortable for people of all ages but can be managed with a little help.



**Smoke**: Summer barbeques and bonfires are popular, but the smoke they generate can be irritating.

**Bites**: Insect bites and stings can be more than annoying for some seniors. This is often due to decreased immunity that is more common with aging.

While many of the symptoms associated with allergies can be present year-round,

they often peak when the weather is warmer. There are steps you can take to manage allergies without medication.

Here's what you should know as you head into the spring allergy season.

#### **How Allergies Impact Us**

Allergies are the body's reaction to the immune system becoming sensitized to something in the environment. Experts say allergies can be problematic for adults for a variety of reasons. One concern is that allergy symptoms can exacerbate other chronic illnesses. For example, someone with a chronic pulmonary obstructive disease (COPD) might find their nasal congestion worsens and the shortness of breath they often experience is more pronounced.

Another concern is the use of antihistamines. These are over-the-counter medications that people often turn to in an effort to self-treat allergies. Antihistamines often lead to increased blood pressure. For older adults who have cardiac disease, this can be especially dangerous.

#### What Triggers Allergies?

The first step in managing allergies is to identify the triggers. Here are a few of the most common spring and summer allergy triggers:

**Outdoor elements**: Pollen, mold, grass, or dust are often the culprits, and they can be tough to avoid.

**Pool chemicals**: Chlorine in swimming pools can be another trigger, especially for red, scratchy eyes.

#### 3 Natural Remedies for Spring Allergies

Limit time outdoors: When peak allergy season arrives, it might help to limit the amount of time you spend outdoors. When you do head outside, take a few precautionary steps. Make sure you wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose. Another way to limit exposure is to take off your shoes and change your clothes in the garage or mud room. This not only reduces the amount of pollen you might be breathing in, but also prevents pollen from making its way into the house.

Control your environment: When the pollen count is high or when it's windy outdoors, keep your windows closed to limit the amount of pollen and dust from getting inside. Instead, use your air conditioner to cool the house. The same is true if you are inside a car. While the fresh air might feel good, you are exposing yourself to allergens as you travel.

Work around the pollen count: Be sure to monitor the pollen count. This is easier if you take advantage of one of the many free weather apps you can download on your smart phone. Your local television station likely has one. If not, The Weather Channel does. You can use your zip code to track allergens that are high in your area.

If none of the remedies listed above help, your primary care physician might need to order allergy testing. This will help pinpoint the source(s) of your allergies making them easier to treat.

#### This 'n That

#### **MY SENIOR CENTER**

Please check in on My Senior Center each time you come to the Senior Center and/or volunteer to log your hours. If you have lost your barcode key, or you are new to the Center and don't have one, please stop by the Client Services Desk.

#### **BOOK MOBILE/SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY**

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the Burleigh County Bookmobile brings large print books to the Senior Center. If you would like to check out a book, stop by the Dining Room Desk. Books are on a 25 day loan and must be returned to the Senior Center when you are done. The Senior Center Library also has books for check out. Put your name and book(s) checked out on the 'checkout log'. Return the book when you are done. Please stop by the Client Services Desk if you have questions.

#### FALLS POLICY

The staff and volunteers of the Burleigh County Senior Center are not to lift anyone who has fallen. If a person cannot get up on their own, 9-1-1 will be called. Staff will stay with the person and make them as comfortable as possible until emergency personnel arrive.

#### **NOT FEELING WELL?**

If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

If you are at the Senior Center or one of our meal sites, and staff sees that you are under the weather, we will ask you to leave. Our goal is to keep clients and staff healthy, so please follow this request.

If you have Covid, RSV, the flu or another virus, please do not come to the Senior Center until vou feel better and have been fever free for 24 hours. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

#### Like Us on Facebook!

Go to Facebook.com/ BismarckSeniorCenterND and like our page to view all the latest updates and upcoming events going on at the Burleigh County Senior Center.

#### ASSISTIVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Burleigh County Senior Center has medical equipment available to you on a 'loan' basis.

Equipment that can be loaned out for up to 90 days includes transfer/shower benches. walkers, canes, commodes,

toilet risers, and other small items. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for each piece of equipment borrowed.

Wheelchairs and knee scooters are available on a limited basis for seven days only. A deposit of \$100 for wheelchairs and \$50 for scooters is required. Deposit is returned when equipment is returned.

#### SENIOR CENTER SHUTTLE

Shared transportation from your home to the Burleigh County Senior Center and back!

Transportation is provided within Bismarck and Lincoln city limits Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 11:45 am and 12:45 to 4:00 pm. (The last shuttle run is at 3:30 pm). Our shuttle allows clients of the Burleigh County Senior Center to enjoy meals, receive health maintenance services, participate in activities and socialize with friends at the Senior Center. The suggested donation is \$2.50/one way trip. Riders must be 60+ and complete a one-page registration form. No participant will be denied services due to an inability or unwillingness to contribute.

**ALL ACTIVITIES MUST END NO** LATER THAN 4 PM TO ALLOW STAFF TIME TO CLEAN AND SECURE THE BUILDING.

The Burleigh County Senior Adults Program and its governing board, the Burleigh County Council on Aging, assure that they will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L.88-352): If otherwise eligible, no person shall be denied or excluded from participation or benefits or be otherwise subjected to discrimination due to race, color or national origin. Any person, otherwise eligible, who feels he or she has been denied service from participation by reason of race, color or national origin should contact the BCSAP Executive Director at 701.255.4648.

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